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MAGNET HOLDER FOR FLYWHEEL)
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4. U.S. Pat. Appln. 08/316,147 filed 9/30/94; *Concentric Ring Flywheel Without Differential Expansion Separators*
5. U.S. Pat. Appln. 08/645,731 filed 5/9/96; *Simple High Stiffness Separators For Flywheel Rotors*

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